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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SHEN CALLS ON DEPUTY SECRETARY

1. AMBASSADOR SHEN CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH OCTOBER 16 TO DISCUSS THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO PEKING. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S MENTION OF THE TRIP IN A RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE TOGETHER WITH THE SECRETARY'S APPARENT INTENTION TO GO AHEAD WITH THE TRIP DESPITE THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, GAVE ADDED SIGNIFANCE TO THE VISIT. HE THEN ASKED IF THE TRIP WOULD TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED AND WHAT THE SECRETARY WOULD DISCUSS IN PEKING.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS MIGHT REQUIRE POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT BUT SAID THAT AT THE MOMENT IT WAS STILL ON. HE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF GLOBAL ISSUES WE WISHED TO
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DISCUSS WITH THE PRC LEADERS AND SOME BILATERAL MATTERS

SUCH AS TRADE, EXCHANGES AND CLAIMS. HE ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD NOT DISCUSS US/ROC ISSUES AND ASSURED SHEN THAT OUR POLICY ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS REMAINED UNCHANGED.

3. SHEN NOTED RECENT PRESS SPECULATION THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS WELL AS A JAPANESE PRESS REPORT QUOTING PRC VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING AS SAYING THAT UNLESS THE SECRETARY WAS

PREPARED TO DISCUSS TAIWAN AND US-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, HIS VISIT WOULD BE "FUTILE". THE DEPUTY SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT THESE WERE JUST REPORTS AND REITERATED HIS ASSURANCE THAT OUR POLICY REMAINED UNCHANGED.

4. SHEN THEN ASKED ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHETHER THE PRC WAS INVOLVED. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPLIED THAT ASIDE FROM STATING ITS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE ARABS, THE PRC WAS NOT INVOLVED AT ALL. RESPONDING TO SHEN'S COMMENT THAT THE PRC WAS DOUBTLESS PLEASED WITH THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THE PRC WOULD BE PLEASED WITH ANY DEVELOPMENT WHICH SEEMED TO WEAKEN US/USSR DETENTE. HE ADDED THAT DESPITE THE IMPRESSION GIVEN BY THE PRESS, THE US/USSR DETENTE WAS FAR FROM DEAD.

5. RETURNING TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING, AMBASSADOR SHEN COMMENTED THAT ON HIS LAST VISIT, THE SECRETARY REACHED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH LIAISON OFFICES IN WASHINGTON AND PEKING. HE ASKED WHAT KIND OF AGREEMENT WE EXPECTED TO RESULT FROM THIS VISIT. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON OFFICES WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION AND THAT WE EXPECTED NO SIMILAR AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED DURING THIS VISIT. HE ADDED THAT SHEN COULD EXPECT THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD VISIT PEKING AND PROBABLY MOSCOW AS WELL FROM TIME TO TIME, NOTING THAT WE COULD NOT CALL RELATIONS NORMAL IF WE DID NOT

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HAVE THIS KIND OF COMMUNICATION.

6. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR SHEN DID NOT RAISE THE ISSUE OF US MILITARY WITHDRAWALS FROM TAIWAN.

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